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Applicant:

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MODIFIED POLYPROPYLENE, PROCESS MODIFIED PREPARING

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POLYPROPYLENE, MODIFIED POLYPROPYLENE COMPOSITION AND

FOAMED PRODUCT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

August 10, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

25. (Amended) A foamed product obtained from the modified polypropylene (A2) prepared by the process of claim 5.

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- 26. (Amended) A foamed product obtained from the modified polypropylene (A3) prepared by the process of claim 10.
- 27. (Amended) A foamed product obtained from the modified polypropylene (A4) prepared by the process of claim 16.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove the improper multiple dependencies in order to place the application into better form prior to examination.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version showing the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

- 25. (Amended) A foamed product obtained from the modified polypropylene (A2) prepared by the process of [any one of claims 5 to 9] claim 5.
- 26. (Amended) A foamed product obtained from the modified polypropylene (A3) prepared by the process of [any one of claims 10 to 15] claim 10.
- 27. (Amended) A foamed product obtained from the modified polypropylene (A4) prepared by the process of [any one of claims 16 to 21] claim 16.